

## EXHIBIT 2-R

### SAMPLE COMBINED FONSI AND NOI/RROF FOR HOUSING CITIES AND COUNTIES

## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

*(Date of Publication of Notice)*

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*(Name and Title of Certifying Official for City or County)*

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*(Name of City or County)*

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*(Physical Address, Mailing Address, Zip Code, and Telephone Number of City or County)*

### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

The above-named (City or County) proposes to request the State of Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) to release Federal funds under the **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** (Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990) for the following project:

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*(Project Title or Name. Example: Fifth Avenue Housing Rehabilitation Program)*

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*(Nature of Project. Example: Rehabilitation of 25 owner-occupied, single-family homes)*

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*(Location, City, County, and State of Project. Example: Broadway Avenue between First and Second Streets, City, County, Montana)*

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*(Estimated Cost of Project)*

This activity (will) (will not) be undertaken over multiple years.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly effecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named (City or County) has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

*(If applicable)* The following negative impacts have been identified, as well as the means to mitigate their effect:

An Environmental Review Record pertaining to this project has been made by the above-named (City or County) which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, in (room number), between the hours of (hours of operation).

(If applicable) No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the (City or County) to the (Office of the Certifying Officer). All such written comments so received at (Address of Certifying Officer) on or before (date not less than 15 days after the date of publication) will be considered and the (City or County) will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action pertaining to this project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

On or about (any date after the deadline for comments on the FONSI) the (City or County) will request the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) to release Federal funds for the project described above. The (City or County) is certifying to the MDOC that (Name of Certifying Officer) in (his/her) official capacity as (official title), consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied for this project. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, (City or County) may use the HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

MDOC will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of (City or County); or (b) that (City or County) has omitted a decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part §58), and may be addressed to MDOC – Housing Division at PO Box 200545 – Helena, MT 59620-0545. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by MDOC. All objections must be received by MDOC within 15 days from the time MDOC receives (City or County's) request for the release of funds and certification.

(Name, Title, and Address of Certifying Official)

## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

*(Date of Publication of Notice)*

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### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

The State of Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) proposes to request the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under the **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** (Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990) for the following project to be undertaken by (CHDO or Housing Authority):

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*(Project Title or Name. Example: Fifth Avenue Housing Rehabilitation Program)*

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*(Nature of Project. Example: Rehabilitation of 25 owner-occupied, single-family homes)*

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*(Location, City, County, and State of Project. Example: Broadway Avenue between First and Second Streets, City, County, Montana)*

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*(Estimated Cost of Project)*

This activity (will) (will not) be undertaken over multiple years.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly effecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named (City or County) has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

*(If applicable)* The following negative impacts have been identified, as well as the means to mitigate their effect:

An Environmental Review Record pertaining to this project has been made by the above-named (City or County) which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This

Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, in (room number), between the hours of (hours of operation).

*(If applicable)* No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by MDOC to the (Office of the Certifying Officer). All such written comments so received at (Address of Certifying Officer) on or before (date not less than 15 days after the date of publication) will be considered and MDOC will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action pertaining to this project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

On or about (the day after the deadline for comments on the FONSI) MDOC will request HUD to release Federal funds for the project described above. The MDOC is certifying to HUD that Bruce Brensdal, MDOC - Housing Division Administrator and (Name of Certifying Officer) in (his/her) official capacity as (official title) of (City or County), consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied for this project. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, (CHDO or Housing Authority) may use the HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of (City or County); or (b) MDOC has omitted a decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part §58), and may be addressed to Howard Kutzer, Senior Environmental Officer – HUD – 1670 Broadway, 23rd floor – Denver, CO 80202-4801. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the HUD. All objections must be received by HUD within 15 days from the time HUD receives MDOC's request for the release of funds and certification.

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